

COMING LEAGUE MEETING.

WHAT THE BASEBALL MAGNATES ARE LIKELY TO DO NEXT WEEK.

The National League magnates will hold their annual fall meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Wednesday. Several important questions will be confronted then, and there is no doubt that the transfer of the league to the new owners will be one of them. The organization of the new American baseball association, while generally ridiculed by the sports sociologists, will unquestionably come up for discussion in secret, although the magnates can be expected to say that they haven't considered the matter for a moment. It is also probable that the League may receive an informal proposal from the Association men looking for a compromise combination, but if this is done it will be under cover.

Whether the League's circuit of twelve clubs will be reduced to eight is causing considerable speculation, but the magnates have already declared that the constitution prevents such a

ing for the next eight years at least. Still, if our clubs could be induced to resign and be assured of berths in another major league, there would be no difficulty in perfecting the deal. As Boston, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh clubs, who were in the League when the circuit consisted of eight clubs, all favor a reduction, but their methods of procedure are not known.

It has been suggested by disinterested parties that at four of the League clubs, say those in Louisville, St. Louis, Washington, and Brooklyn, be induced to leave the League and accept franchises in the new association, providing the franchises are available, and the arrangement

from New York, Pittsburg, and Chicago, and that the two eight-club circuits be placed under the protection of the National League, its mutual rights. But the stubbornness of the present League men would certainly make any present League too big and cumbersome, but rather than take any notice of this, the present arrangement and lose more money thereby, with the League consisting of clubs in Washington, the East, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh in the association circuit and up clubs in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Louisville, Detroit, and Milwaukee in the west would prove successful. By this scheme the present League would have two clubs, while the association circuit would have three. The present Association cities, without opposition and without any other consideration, would have more than make ends meet. It is also argued in favor of two rival associations that the interest

of friendly competition would provide the club with better ball playing, while the old-line series for the world's championship baseball would serve to keep up the excitement to a very end of the season.

The League will have considerable to do in the transfer of games, the shameful protests of games played apparently in accordance with the rules, the Ebreit scandal and the abuse of umpires. H. R. Von der Horst, president of the New York Club, has written John T. Brush's protest of one of the New York-Chicago games in order, as Von der Horst writes, to "bring to the attention of the public the facts, and to make it as impossible as possible, as Brush is a big stockholder in the New York Club, Von der Horst intends to ask the League why the Cincinnati

potest in question. Mr. Von der Horst also made a few interesting remarks to make regarding the Temple Cup series, and will request that it be abolished in the future. He may suggest that the League hang up a

of \$10,000, to be divided among the three dining teams, but as the magnates have never done much of a record for hanging up purses, the sale of players during the season will also be considered, and it is quite possible that this practice will be ultimately prohibited. The sale of Glenison by St. Louis and of Hemming and Hagen by Louisville are instances that will be noted. The Eiret case will probably be settled, the result of which will very likely mean that there will be no more players of their class for a time. It is probable that toward players of other teams for winning certain important games that have a direct bearing on the championship. Coach and Rogers will also bring up the settlement of gate receipts in Philadelphia again.

The league club yielded to their demands, and by said at the time that they were satisfied with the arrangement. A. J. Egan, who was field as a magnate, by representing the Club, for the first time in several years.

The umpire position will be carefully considered by the league, and it is believed that more power than he possessed last season will be permitted, it is said, to rule off any player other than the captain who addresses him during a play. The umpire will also be granted violators of such a rule, as Tebeau, Graw, and others, will, it is claimed, be disciplined by the League itself at the end of the season.

Some of the magnates have an idea that the New York Club made close to \$75,000 during

pared to show figures to the effect that the club did not clear more than \$40,000. According to good judges, every club in the league, including Louisville, will report that no money was lost on the season, with New York, Boston,

Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Pittsburgh away
end of the game. Several deals for players
also liable to be made, with New
York cutting quite a figure. If Cleve-
land will put a price on Burkett he
will probably be bought. Breitenstein of
St. Louis is another man wanted by a strong
binder who played with the Norfolk Club last
season may also be signed by the local officials.
According to current reports, the Boston Club
also in the field for several new players, the

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and adopted the schedule for the annual tourney at the Hotel Hamilton. Wednesday night at Wendell's party in Hoboken. The following is the schedule for the tourney, \$20, \$25, \$35, and \$50, with two combined prizes for the winners. The prizes are as follows: Frank Newman, Pioneer Club; Hamilton Whelmes; Louis F. Kunkes, Hamilton Whelmes; and John A. Kellan, Pioneer Club. The schedule follows:

1. 12—Spartans, Pioneers, and Night Owls.
2. 13—Atlantic City, Pioneers, and Night Owls.
3. 14—John A. Kellan, and Hamilton Whelmes.
4. 15—Night Owls, Vigilantes, and Spartans.
5. 16—Pioneers, Vigilantes, and Spartans.
6. 17—Spartans, Vigilantes, and Pioneers.
7. 18—Night Owls, Pin Knights, and Hours.
8. 19—John A. Kellan, and Jolly.
9. 20—Hamilton Whelmes, Pioneers, and Pioneers.
10. 21—John A. Kellan, and Night Owls.
11. 22—Spartans, Pioneers, and Atlantic City.
12. 23—Valencia, Hours, and Jolly.
13. 24—English, Acres, and Hilltops.
14. 25—Hamilton Whelmes, Pioneers, and Vigilantes.
15. 26—Pioneers, Pin Knights, and Elites.
16. 27—John A. Kellan, and Pioneers.
17. 28—Night Owls, Valencia, and Hilltops.
18. 29—Spartans, Pioneers, and Pioneers.

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